



Home Fire Safety Checklist

Make sure your home and family are safe from fire by using this checklist.

	Yes	No	
Matches and Careless Smoking	_____	_____	Are matches kept out of reach of small children?
	_____	_____	Are matches kept away from heaters, stoves and other sources of heat?
	_____	_____	Is smoking in bed against house rules?
	_____	_____	Do you check to see that all matches and ashes are cool before you throw them away?
Heating and Cooling	_____	_____	Are furnace, stoves, and flue pipes away from combustibles and checked regularly?
	_____	_____	Are walls and ceilings properly protected from sources of heat?
	_____	_____	Are portable heaters located and maintained properly?
	_____	_____	Is the chimney cleaned and checked regularly?
	_____	_____	Are clothes, curtains and furniture away from stoves, heaters, and fireplaces?
	_____	_____	Are your stove, oven, broiler, and vent filters kept clean from grease?
Electricity	_____	_____	Do the cords on any of your appliances have scorch marks, cracks, frayed wires, or loose, bent or broken plugs?
	_____	_____	Do any cords or electrical outlets feel warm? (If so, have a licensed electrician check your wiring.)
Housekeeping	_____	_____	Do you avoid storing rags, papers, and other combustibles in the home?
	_____	_____	Are flammable liquids stored in approved safety cans?...and kept away from heat, and out of children's reach?
	_____	_____	Are paints kept in tightly closed metal containers?
	_____	_____	Do you avoid flammable liquids (like gasoline) for cleaning clothes and for starting fires?

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Fire-safe Habits	_____	_____	Do you have smoke detectors?
	_____	_____	Do you check your smoke detectors each month?
	_____	_____	If battery operated, have you changed batteries at least once a year?
	_____	_____	Do you have a planned escape for every room in your home?
	_____	_____	Do you practice home fire drills?
Fire Extinguishers	_____	_____	Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home?
	_____	_____	If you do, have you read the manufacturer's instructions to be familiar with your extinguisher

MAKE SURE YOUR WOOD HEATER IS SAFE

The most important rules for using your wood heater safely are:

1. Check for safe distances between your heater and anything that can burn.
2. Clean your chimney when there is a quarter-inch buildup of creosote.
3. Install a smoke detector on every floor and check each one monthly.